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Mountain Resort****Fax****To:** Renata Hesse – Trial Attorney **From:** Wayne Anderson**Fax:** 202-616-9937 **Pages:** 2**Phone:** **Date:** 1/21/2002**Re:** Proposed Microsoft Antitrust Settlement **CC:**☐ **Urgent** ☐ **For Review** ☐ **Please Comment** ☐ **Please Reply** ☐ **Please Recycle**



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Department of Justice - Antitrust Division
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RE: Proposed Microsoft Antitrust Settlement

Dear Department of Justice:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Microsoft antitrust settlement currently being considered by the court. I have worked in corporate IT operations since the early 1990s. I hold numerous industry certifications, including Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, Certified Novell Engineer, and others. I am the head of my company's Information Systems department, and I work primarily with Microsoft products on a daily basis.

Since I began working in the IT field, my opinion of Microsoft's products and business practices has changed dramatically. I have experienced first hand the poor quality of their products, and I have repeatedly watched competitors with superior technology effectively run out of business by Microsoft's ruthless use of its monopolistic power. It has had a decidedly negative effect on the industry. There is no question in my mind that strong remedy is necessary to restore competitive forces to many segments of IT.

To that end, I do not believe the proposed settlement goes nearly far enough. The simplest evidence of this is that Microsoft agreed to it. The company has shown by its actions throughout the years that it will fight to the last breath any attempt to interfere with its monopoly. If the company agreed to this settlement, then that clearly demonstrates that Microsoft does not believe the terms of the settlement will have any meaningful impact on its grip on power. If Microsoft doesn't believe the settlement will have an impact, why should we? Any effective remedy is going to have to be imposed upon Microsoft kicking and screaming. I believe that negotiating a settlement with Microsoft is a lost cause. The current settlement should be scrapped, and a much more sweeping one should be pursued in the courts. I hope this will be done without further delay, since time is of the essence in a matter such as this. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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